

AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 17:

The damper apparatus 1 is installed for use by fitting one of opponent members on the outer splines 42 and by fitting the other of the opponent members on the inner splines 41. Further, the retainer plates 11, 12 and the ring 33 are integrally secured to each other by inserting rivets 23 into axial through-holes 24 provided in these elements (specifically, in their respective splines 42), whereby each rivet 23 is disposed through splines of the retainer plates and an intervening portion 33a of the annular ring 33 between the splines, as shown in Fig. 2.

As shown in Fig. 1, the plurality of through-holes 24 are disposed substantially equidistantly along the circumferential direction. Further, since the rivets 23 each having a diameter smaller than that in the prior art are used, the diameters of the retainer plates 11, 12 in a radial direction can be reduced.